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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review a Draft Biennial Rule for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal that would extend for two years, The Nature Conservancy (TNC Montana) Recreation Management Area biennial rule previously established by the Montana Fish and Wildlife (FW) Commission in August 2015. The rule would cover Montana TNC lands located within Region 2 FWP in Missoula and Powell counties (including former Plum Creek Timber Company lands purchased by TNC in January 2015). This biennial rule was renewed by the Commission in August 25, 2017, and the proposed renewal of this biennial rule would continue providing year-round recreational access for public use from August 25, 2019 to August 25, 2021.

The proposed rule may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning April 11). Comments may be made online on the biennial rule's webpage or may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2019.

As part of the evaluation process, I expect to issue a recommendation to the FW Commission for this proposal after the end of the comment period. The FW Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP biennial rules.

Sincerely,

Randy Árnold Regional Supervisor

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